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Sir:

PETITION TO EXTEND

Petition is hereby made to extend the life of the above-entitled application for 4 months from the due date of October 12, 2003, of the Notice of Appeal filed August 12, 2003. An extension fee of \$1,480.00 is now attached in order that a Request for a continuation application may be filed herewith

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

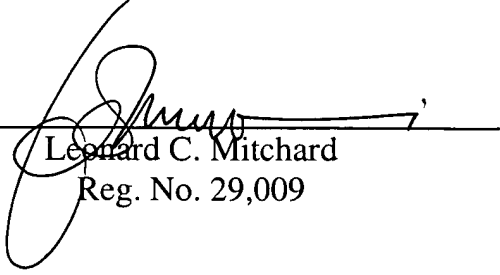
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